

NEW MINISTER IS NOTED NOVELIST

The Envoy From Uruguay
Writes Love Stories.

IS NATIVE OF MONTEVIDEO

Has Studied Spanish Literature and Is
a Scholar of Repute in
His Own Country.

Dr. Eduardo Acevedo Diaz, the newly appointed minister from Uruguay, who has been sent to Washington to open a legation here, is known in South America as a novelist of high repute.

Not confining himself to running a newspaper as editor and dabbling in affairs of state so successfully as to be made vice president of the senate, Senor Diaz found time to publish in Spanish a large number of romances of thrilling interest. Most of these stories have all the interest of Spanish love tales, and are typical of South American, taking high mark in the lighter literature of that country. Among the best known of these novels may be mentioned "Brenda," "Ismael," "Nativa," "Grito de Gloria" and "Soledad."

Senor Diaz has lived in Montevideo all his life, and his productions are therefore native to the soil, but he has devoted much time to study of Spanish literature, and is a man of culture.

The minister has opened a temporary legation at the Normandie. With him are his two sons and Alfonso Crisdo, an attaché. This is the first time that Uruguay has ever had a minister resident in Washington.

CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IN FRENCH EMBASSY

Captain Fournier Expected Today to
Replace Major Vignal.

A change in the personnel of the French embassy staff is made this month. Three of the former members have left Washington and their places will be supplied by new officials. The first to arrive will be Captain Fournier, who comes today. He takes the place of Major Vignal, military attaché.

Captain Fournier is captain of artillery on the staff of General Andre, French minister of war. He is a young man and unmarried. He is the son of Count de Galard, M. Desportes de la Fosse is the new counsellor of embassy, replacing Pierre de Margerie. M. de la Fosse has been in Washington before, and has many friends here.

General Isaac Khan Admirer of America

Thinks Day Not Far Distant When Modern
Inventions Will Find a Place
in Persia.

Friendly relations between the United States and Persia will be strengthened when Gen. Isaac Khan, the Persian minister, returns home and makes report to the Shah of his impressions of America gained in the past four years, during which he has resided here.

"I am a great admirer of American energy and progressiveness," said the minister, "and during my stay here I have endeavored to cultivate closer trade relations between the two governments. I have impressed upon my people the advantages of many American inventions, and Persia is rapidly adopting modern implements of agriculture, and is dealing more extensively in American products. I believe the day is not far distant when trolley cars and electric lights will be in use in Persia."

Four Years in Washington.

The departure of General Khan, who is promoted to a Vienna post, removes one of the most picturesque figures from the Diplomatic Corps in Washington. The general came here four years ago, during the Administration of President McKinley. It was the first time he had been to this country, and his sudden shift from Persian scenes to American bustle and bustle was calculated to place him at a disadvantage.

As the general aide-de-camp of the Shah, and on many occasions his personal representative, the minister was naturally accustomed to as much homage as is paid an Oriental prince, but though he has kept much to himself, he has not exhibited any of the qualities of an autocrat in Washington. In spite of his four years' stay in this country

he never became familiar with the English language, and spoke French exclusively with the members of the Diplomatic Corps.

This did not prevent his entertaining lavishly, and recently he had furnished his house, at 1728 Eighteenth Street, in handsome Persian style in anticipation of the social season now opening.

His Diplomatic Career.

Gen. Isaac Khan, whose full name is Mofak Harjed Dovelet, has had an interesting diplomatic career for a Persian official. He is regarded as the Shah's "right hand man." His first post of importance was that of charge d'affaires in St. Petersburg. He then served in Egypt and, returning to Persia, was made chief of the prime minister's cabinet. It was as the personal representative of the Shah that he accompanied the latter on his two trips to Europe when the ruler of Persia was welcomed at the court of St. James. The minister's most notable work, however, has been his cultivation of friendly ties between the republics of South America and the Persian government.

It was through him that treaties were made with Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. The minister gained the close friendship of President Diaz while in Mexico, and has a picture of him. Gen. Isaac Khan is forty-five years old. He was born at Tabriz, Persia. It is not expected that any successor will be appointed until late in the summer. It is said General Khan's brother, Mahmoud Khan, now at Calcutta, will succeed him. The affairs of the legation meanwhile will be in charge of Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister.

BRYAN IS A CONVERT TO TOLSTOY DOCTRINES

Will Lecture in New Haven, and Give
Reasons for It.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 16.—When William J. Bryan returns to New Haven within two weeks in connection with the Bennett will case he will deliver a lecture, under the auspices of the People's Church, on "Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace," according to the announcement made by the Rev. Alexander E. Irvine, pastor of the church.

Mr. Bryan visited Tolstoy on his recent trip abroad and became converted to his non-resistance belief. In his lecture he will give the conversation between the Russian novelist and himself and the arguments that converted him.

FRENCH DUEL; NOBODY HURT.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Deputies Sembat and Boutard fought a duel near Paris today. Pistols were used and several shots were exchanged, none of which took effect.

"BEST OF PURE FOOD" IS LEGGETT & CO.'S MOTTO

The wholesale grocery house of Francis H. Leggett & Co., New York, requires no introduction to that class of consumers who desire the best of pure food, and to the retailers who distribute it.

For thirty-two years the unflagging ambition to excel in the quality of food products bearing the Leggett name has so dominated all their efforts that their leading brand, "Premier," is now accepted by the public as being what its name implies. "Premier" packages contain best things to eat, is their motto, and consumers and dealers alike recognize the value of a guarantee that is backed up by the unblemished reputation, long experience, and exceptional importing, manufacturing and distributing facilities enjoyed by this firm, making it the leading one of its kind in the United States.

Francis H. Leggett & Co. are represented in Washington and Baltimore by Franklin Weems, 225 Colorado Building, this city. He has been associated with the firm for twenty years.

GRAND VIZIER IS EXPECTED SOON

May Not Be Recognized in
Washington.

MYSTERY CLOAKS MOVEMENT

Real Purpose of His Trip Is Pilgrimage
to Mecca After Lengthy
Journey.

Unless his dress or appearance betrays him, it is probable that the grand vizier of Persia, Mirza Asa Khan, will reach Washington and slip away without anyone being the wiser. He is expected here the latter part of this month.

An air of mystery has cloaked the movements of the grand vizier, who it was announced had left Persia some time ago. It was reported that he was leaving under a ban of banishment, seeking safety in exile before the Shah handed to him the golden cup of poison. His alleged offense was said to have been giving the cup of poison to an enemy without first consulting the Shah, and for this high-handed act it was said he must face death or exile.

These stories, it is now learned, were pure fabrications. The real purpose of the grand vizier's travels is a pilgrimage to Mecca, which he is making in accordance with Persian religion, which makes it incumbent upon the faithful to visit the sacred shrine at least once during a lifetime.

With Persians of prominence often an elaborate pilgrimage is arranged such as is now being taken by Mirza Khan. He has already traversed China, and Japan, and the visit to this country is only one of the incidents of the trip. He will reach San Francisco on January 22, will journey across this continent, and then he himself to Mecca to pay his homage. The grand vizier is traveling incognito, and no reception is planned for him here.

LOOMIS-MANNING FILTER CO.

One of the largest filter manufacturing concerns in the country has recently taken quarters in the new Colorado Building.

The Loomis-Manning Filter Company, with their main offices and shops in Philadelphia, have been established a little over twenty-four years. They have equipped several of the Government buildings and private residences, among the most prominent being the White House, Postoffice, New Willard, and Raleigh Hotels, the Colorado Building, Army and Navy Building, and several of the larger office buildings.

They make a specialty of high-grade water filters, and have outfitted their local offices with working models to show the superiority of their product. This office is under the management of Sidney T. Manning.

FATAL DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT BAR HARBOR, ME.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Jan. 16.—An explosion of dynamite in a ledge in the rear of a residence being constructed for D. C. Blair here, today, injured six men, one of whom, Ray Higgins, aged twenty-two, will die.

Higgins' hand was taken off at the wrist, the sight of both eyes was lost and his head and face cut and skull fractured.

VICTIMS OF COLLISION DIE IN THE HOSPITAL

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 16.—Miss Ethel Gould and Frederick O'Brien, two victims of last night's grade crossing accident when a Grand Trunk train dashed into a Michigan Avenue street car, died in Detroit Hospital this morning.

Of two score or more persons who were injured several others may die, while ten or fifteen are seriously injured.

MAN BEATEN TO DEATH BESIDE A RAILROAD TRACK

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 16.—The body of James McKeon, of Holyoke, aged fifty-seven, was found today lying beside the railroad tracks at "Devil-mans' Curve," near Smith's Ferry.

Death came from a blow on the head, and foul play is suspected. Thomas Maggee, who accompanied McKeon on a hunting trip Thursday, was taken to the police station and made conflicting statements.

Hahn's Half-Yearly Closing-Out Shoe-Sale Begins Tomorrow

THE healthy tree each season sheds all its leaves to start the spring with fresh, new, more beautiful foliage. That's our system. Beginning tomorrow we follow our half-yearly habit of completely closing out our three big shoe-stocks so as to begin the spring season with brand-new styles only. During this sale we totally ignore present losses—that's where you gain.

The price-cuts which go into effect tomorrow morning are unusually attractive—so we cannot promise your size and style unless you call at once.

Children's	Women's Shoes	Men's Shoes
Boys' and Girls' Guaranteed Patent Kid, Velvet Calf, and Saddle Kid Dress and School Shoes.....	Fine \$3.50 and \$4 Vici Kid and Box Calf Boots; 5 new winter styles.....	The famous \$5 "Resilient" entlating Shoes; 2 good styles; most all sizes.....
Boys' and Girls' \$1.87	\$2.87	\$3.75
Boys' and Girls' \$1.50 Quality Box Calf and Vici Kid Button or Laced Boots.....	Splendid \$2.50 Guaranteed Patent Leather Dress Boots, and Hand-welt Cork Sole Boots.....	12 different sorts of Hand-made Calf, Vici Kid, and Patent Leather Shoes.....
Boys' and Girls' \$1.19	\$1.87	\$2.40
Regular \$1.25 Quality Boys' and Girls' Vici Kid and Box Calf, Button and Laced School and Dress Shoes.....	\$2 and \$2.50 Quality Vici Kid and Patent Leather Evening Slippers; in Straps or Gibson Ties; leather or wood heels.....	\$2.50 grade of Single, Double, and Cork Sole, Box Calf, and Vici Kid, Street and Dress Shoes.....
Excellent Wearing Boys' and Girls' \$1 Grade Shoes; boys' sizes to 13½; girls' sizes to 2's.....	Single or Double Sole Kid Laced and Button Boots; kid or patent tip; \$1.50 quality.....	\$1.50 Quality Sterling Calf Laced Shoes and Gaiters, with round or square toes, at.....
69c	\$1.19	\$1.19

SPECIALLY REDUCED FOR TOMORROW

Men's or Women's Cozy Bathroom Slip-pers.....	Infants' Laced, Button, Moccasins; sole leather bottoms; sizes to 19c.....	A tableful of Women's Warm Lined House Slippers; sole leather or felt sole. Special.....	Child's Spring Heel Good Kid Laced and Button; sizes to 48c.....
13c	19c	39c	48c
Men's or Women's Good Quality Cloth Over-gaiters. Tomorrow.....	Child's Red Felt House Slippers, with felt soles. Tomorrow.....	Women's \$1 Quality Artetics. Tomorrow.....	All our Women's and Child's \$1 to \$1.50 Velvet and Cloth or Astrakhan Leggings, tomorrow.....
17c	23c	69c	69c

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A handsome, full quartered oak highly polished sideboard; large French plate mirror and lined drawer. Worth \$30.

\$21.98



This 20-inch top Solid Oak Table. Worth \$1.25.

73c



A good substantial oak-frame Couch, upholstered in velvet; worth \$5.

\$3.48



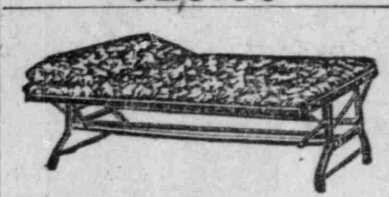
This pretty solid oak Chiffonier, five large drawers, brass trimmings, nicely finished and well made, worth \$6.50.

\$3.88



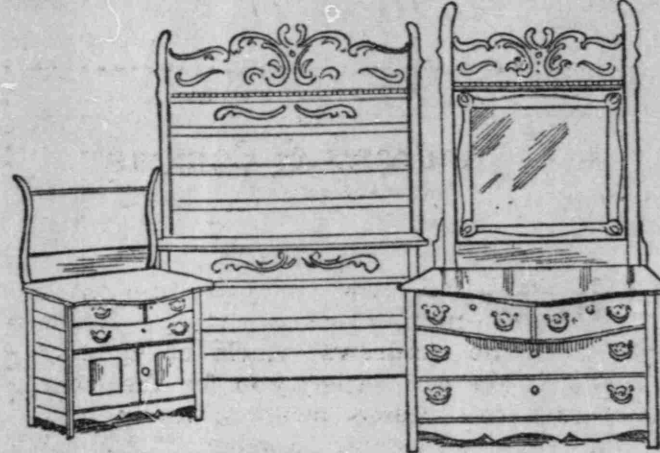
This handsome highly polished three-piece Parlor Suite, upholstered in nice silk damask, \$28 value.

\$20.00



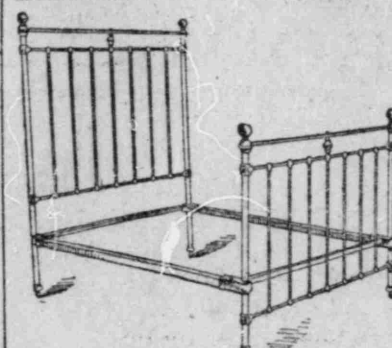
This adjustable Couch Bed, mattress and pillows.

\$6.98



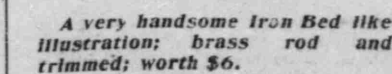
This very heavy solid oak Bedroom Suite, 24x30 heavy bevel plate mirror, swell top drawers in dresser and washstand, handsomely carved and nicely polished; worth \$30.

\$21.75



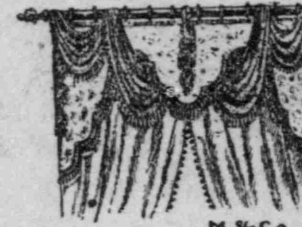
A good substantial white enamel Iron Bed, neat design; worth \$3.

\$1.68



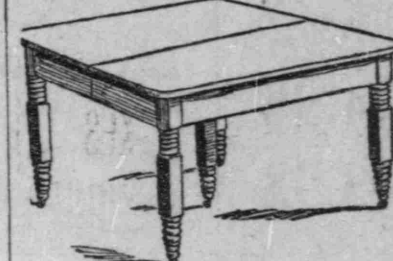
A very handsome Iron Bed like illustration; brass rod and trimmed; worth \$6.

\$4.25



Closing out odd Curtains and Portieres---one, two, and three pairs of a pattern at greatly reduced prices.

75c Nottingham Curtains, 43c
\$1.50 Nottingham Curtains, 95c
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\$5.00 Tapestry Portieres, \$3.65
\$7.00 Tapestry Portieres, \$5.00
Fifty 4x4 Chenille and Tapestry Table Covers; worth 50c, 19c



This five-leg Solid Oak Dining-room Table; six feet long and nicely polished.

\$3.45



A good substantial oak-frame Couch, upholstered in velvet; worth \$5.

\$3.48



A very handsome velvet-upholstered Couch; five rows of tufting; oak frame and well made; like cut. Worth \$12.50.

\$9.98



This high-back, wood-seat Dining-room Chair; nicely carved and finished; worth \$1.25.

89c



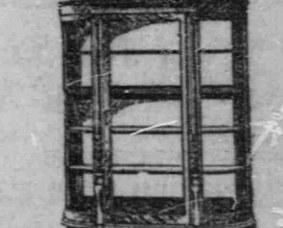
This handsome Solid Oak Dresser; large French plate mirror and brass trimmings.

\$8.98



A pretty Solid Oak Folding Bed, chiffonier style; good springs, nicely carved and finished. Worth \$25.

\$16.50



This handsome Quartered Oak Mirror-Top China Cabinet; bent ends and highly polished; \$25 value.

\$19.75

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